

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 11, wherein the guide members are endless.
3. (Previously Presented) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 11, wherein the number of supports is at least  $N+2$ .
4. (Previously Presented) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 11, wherein  $N \geq 2$ .
5. (Previously Presented) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 11, wherein each of said guide members is composed of one or more belts, or one or more chains, or one or more wires.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 12, wherein each of said  $N+1$  guide members has an associated clutch for transmitting drive thereto, said system further comprising control means for selectively activating at least one of said clutches.
8. (Original) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 7, wherein said clutches are tooth clutches.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A sheet deposition system for selectively depositing sheets in  $N$  sheet deposition locations on at least one of a plurality of supports, with  $N$  being an interger number  $\geq 1$ , which comprises:

$N + 1$  guide members for guiding the supports, said guide members being vertically arranged such that each of said sheet deposition locations has an associated lower guide member and an associated higher guide member;

a plurality of points of suspension on each of said guide members for suspending the supports thereon such that each support can be detached from and repositioned on the guide members regardless of its position on the guide members; and

drive means for driving said guide members and enabling the passing of at least one support from one of said guide members to an adjacent one of said guide members.

12. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 5, wherein a portion of one of the guide members associated with one of said  $N$  sheet deposition locations extends beyond a portion of ~~the~~ an adjacent guide member associated with ~~the~~ an adjacent sheet deposition ~~position~~ location.